Mary Jane's
TEAROOM
presents
'Candy' Bear

Candy is a little baby polar bear who makes her way down to Mary Jane's TEAROOM each week to buy her favourite sugar bonbons.
She likes to be sure she always has a plentiful supply ……..

Equipment
1 Pair of 2.75 mm Knitting Needles (U.K No.12/ U.S 2) (*plus 1 spare needle or stitch holder*)
1 Pair of 3.25 mm Knitting Needles (U.K No.10/ U.S 3)
2 Long Pointed Darning Needles approx 8cm (3") / 1 Wool Needle
Good Quality Washable Polyester Filling conforming to Current Safety Standards (approx 100g)
Glass/Plastic-Headed Pins
Soft Tape Measure
Pale Green cotton thread (*optional*)

A few notes before beginning

Yarns

Below are the yarns that I have used for' ***Candy'****...*
I always use good quality natural yarns which I feel give the best, long-lasting results but you can use up leftover yarns with a very satisfactory outcome.
I have used a combination of DK yarn (light worsted/ 8 ply) and 4 ply yarn (fingering). ***Please check that the ball band details correspond with those listed below when substituting yarns.***

Yarns used (rounded up to nearest 10g)
Head/Body/Limbs/Ears: **Yarn A** RYC Baby Alpaca DK *Jacob 90g*
Shoes: **Yarn B** Rowan Purelife Organic DK *Madder 20g (or DK oddments)*
Socks: **Yarn C** Rowan Purelife Organic DK *Chlorophyll 10g (or DK oddments)*
Jumper & Bows: **Yarn D** Rowan Purelife Organic Cotton 4 Ply *Madder 30g*
Jumper & Bows: **Yarn E** Rowan Classic Siena Cotton 4 Ply *White 20g*
Dungarees : **Yarn F** Rowan Purelife Organic Cotton 4 Ply *Chlorophyll 40g*
Black **DK** Yarn for eyes & black embroidery thread for nose/mouth (or use yarn for all)

Ball Band Details

Here I have listed the ***ball band information*** *required for any substituted yarns for you to compare. This information is always given on the ball label and if purchasing over the internet it will be stated in the yarn details. It is usually given for a 10 x 10cm (4 x 4") tension square knitted using stocking stitch. (Please note that smaller needles are always used than those given on the original ball band details when knitting pieces in the pattern which will later be stuffed. This is common in knitted toys to avoid holes when stretched but if the ball band details of the original yarn match those of the substitute yarn you can then just move down to the needle size required for the pattern)*

Knitted over a 4 x 4" (10 x 10 cm) tension square (gauge swatch) in St-st

Baby Alpaca DK	22sts. 30 rows, (4mm/ UK 8/ US 6)
	Ball size 50g/100m
Siena Cotton 4 Ply	28sts, 38rows (2.75 – 3mm/UK 12 - 11/US 2)
	Ball size 50g/140m
Purelife DK	22sts, 30 rows (3.75mm (UK 9/ US 5)
	Ball size 50g/120m
Purelife 4 Ply	28sts, 36 rows (3.25mm (UK 10/ US 3)
	Ball size 50g/165m

One final note on tension!
*If you know that your knitting tension is always on the looser side then move down a needle size from those used in the pattern to prevent the stuffing showing through when stretched (Do this for both needle sizes) Otherwise personal knitting tension is not so much of a worry in toys i.e. if your tension is on the tighter side it will only result in an overall slightly smaller '****Candy****'*
Casting on I always use the thumb method unless otherwise stated
Casting off Always cast off K wise unless otherwise stated
Increase into every stitch: K into front and back of stitch

Only press pieces where indicated and check the ball band details for substituted yarns

Making up I always use *Mattress Stitch* unless otherwise stated working with ***RS*** of work uppermost to close seams although this is a personal choice. I have allowed an extra 1 stitch seam allowance on either side to provide a really neat finish (*Tip: Always leave a long enough yarn end when casting on so that it can be used to sew up the seam later if required. This is a much neater way to finish off*)

Measurements: Head to Toe 38cm (15")
Arm Span 28cm (11") Arm Circ 10cm (4") /L 14cm (5 ½")
Toe to Heel 8cm (3 ¼")/ Foot circ 16cm (6 ¼")
Leg L16cm (6 ¼")/ Leg Circ 11.5cm (4 ½")

Safety

For safety reasons I recommend that ***Candy*** should only be made as a decorative item and not a toy for the very young i.e. children under 3 years of age. All seams and limbs must be made secure and no extra items should be added such as buttons, ribbon, felt or eyes which could come loose.

Abbreviations

beg: beginning
circ: circumference
cont: continue
dec: decrease
g-st: garter stitch (every row a K row)
inc: increase
K: Knit
kfb: Knit into front & back of stitch
M1: Pick up the loop between the stitch just worked and the next stitch with left hand needle. Knit into the back of it to make a new stitch.
P: Purl
psso: Pass slipped stitch over
RS: Right side
sl: slip
skpo: slip 1, K 1, pass slipped st over
rep: repeat
st: stitch
st-st: stocking stitch (alternate rows: K1 row, P 1 row)
tbl: through back of loop
tog: together
WS: Wrong side
yf: yarn forward
If you are new to knitting, **knittinghelp.com has simple and clear instructional videos of the above stitches.*

Time to begin

Legs *3.25mm Needles (Make 2)*
*Cast on 24 sts in **A** beg at sole*
Next row K1, inc into next 22 sts, K1 - 46 sts
Next: St-st 15 rows beg with a P row
Decrease to shape instep
Next row K.9, (K2tog) 14 times, K9 - 32sts
P 1 row
Next row: K9, (K2tog) 7 times, K9 – 25 **sts**
Next: St-st 35 rows beg with a P row
Shape top
Next row K4, (K2tog) 3 times, K5, (K2tog) 3 times, K4 - 19 sts.
Cast off
Fasten off leaving a long strand to attach leg to body later
*Put the legs to one side for the moment and make **shoes/socks** as follows:*

This little shoe and sock is knitted in one piece and stretches over the foot

Pretty Candy Stripe Bows

Ice Cream Shoes and Socks *3.25mm Needles (Make 2)*
*Cast on 25 sts in **B** beg with sole*
Next row: K1, inc into next 23 sts, K1 – 48 sts
St-st 14 rows beg with a P row
Next row
K into back of every st *(WS)*
Change to C
St-st 2 rows beg with a K row
Shape instep
Next row: K12, (K2tog) 12 times, K12 – 36 sts
P 1 row
Next row: K12, (K2tog) 6 times, K12 – 30 sts
St-st 11 rows beg with a P row
Change to 2.75mm Needles for rib
***Work K1, P1 rib for 7 rows** (K1, P1, every row)*
Cast off
To Make Up
Close shoe seam along centre of sole and up centre back of shoe and sock remembering to reverse stitching where the rib pattern will be folded over.

Candy Stripe Bow Decorations *2.75mm Needles (Make 3)*
*Cast on 37 sts in **D***
Row 1: (K1D, K1E) to last st, K1D
Row 2: (P1D, P1E) to last st, P1D
(Tip: Always pass one yarn above and the other always below across the row to avoid tangles. To prevent loose edge stitches twist the yarns around each other at the beg of every row. Using small amounts of each colour is easier to work with than working from the balls)
***Repeat these 2 rows twice more** (a further 4 rows altogether)*
Next row: K 1 row in D
*Cast off **K** wise in **D** leaving a long yarn end to finish off*
To make up
Secure loose yarn ends on ***WS*** and fasten off. Using yarn end ***D*** join the shortest two edges together (*this will be on reverse of bow*) Now bring yarn end to front and pass your needle up through the centre stripe so that you create a really straight line. Pull yarn end to gather and then wind yarn around centre of bow twice more, drawing up tightly and securing on reverse side. Leave yarn end to attach bow to shoes/ear.
Put the bows to one side to position at end of project.

Good enough to eat!

Now Make Up The Legs
Sew seams together to just beyond the ankle. At this point stuff the foot and ankle firmly (*the toe area should be full and rounded. Check the shoe is a snug fit over the foot*) and then sew and fill the rest of the leg. Thin the stuffing at the top of the leg slightly to enable sitting and the leg openings at the top should remain open.
When the legs are completed, lightly press the leg seam under a cotton/linen cloth if needed then place the cloth over the ***sole*** seam, press firmly and apply a puff of steam. This will flatten the sole area giving a really neat appearance.

Body *3.25mm Needles*
*Cast on 15 sts in **A** beg at neck edge*
P 1 row
Next row: K1, (M1, K1) to end - 29 sts
P 1 row
Next row: (K2, M1) 7 times, K1,(M1, K2) 7 times – 43 sts
St-st 9 rows beg with a P row
Next row: (K7, M1) 3 times, K1, (M1 K7) 3 times - 49 sts
St-st 5 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K23, (M1, K1) 3 times, M1, K23 - 53 sts
St-st 9 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K21, skpo, K1, skpo, K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K21 - 49 sts
St-st 5 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K19, skpo, K1, skpo, K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K19 - 45sts
St-st 5 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end - 23sts.
P 1 row
Cast off

To Make Up Body
Close centre back. Stuff firmly from each end, turning and moulding as you work. Slightly 'square off' the bottom end as you stuff (*as next photograph*) and keep in mind that you need to 'fill out' the abdominal area (*the abdominal girth should measure 24cm at widest point when finished*) Close the bottom end seam using mattress stitch or slipstitch but leave the top end open at this point.
Attach open ended legs to body by slipstitching around the edges.

Baby Bear Ears *3.25mm Needles (Make 4)*
*Cast on 10 sts in **A** beg at top of ear.*
P 1 row
Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1- 12 sts
P 1 row
Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1- 14 sts
P 1 row
Next row: K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1- 16 sts
P 1 row
Next row: K1, K2tog, K2, (K2tog) 3 times, K2, K2tog, K1- 11 sts
Cast off leaving long yarn end to sew around outside edge of ear and secure to head later.

To Make Up
Secure yarn end at top edge of ear lightly on ***WS***. Next with ***WS*** together use long yarn end to oversew small stitches around the edge of ear. Leave yarn end to secure to head later.

Head *3.25mm Needles*
*Cast on 11sts in **A** beg at back of head*
1st row: P to end
2nd row: K1, (M1, K1) to end – 21 sts
Rep last 2 rows once more – 41 sts
St-st 5 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K1, (M1, K3) to last remaining stitch M1, K1 – 55 sts
St-st 21 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end - 28 sts
St-st 9 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K1, (K2tog.) to last remaining stitch, K.1 - 15 sts
P 1 row
Break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches, gather and secure, leaving yarn end to close seam
To Make up
1. Sew
Close nose to chin seam (*ending just past K2tog decrease*) then fasten off.

Gather up the stitches at the back of the head and close the seam leaving an opening of approx 2.5cm at the base of the head. You will use this opening to embroider the face before closing (*see photograph below)*

2. Fill

Fill with small amounts of stuffing at a time starting at the nose and back of the head areas first then working evenly around the head (*tearing off small amounts at a time will ensure that the fibres knit together)* Mould and firm the stuffing as you work (*the head should be firm to the touch)* but avoid overstretching the stitches resulting in holes. This may seem to take quite an amount of time but you will suddenly see everything fit into place!

3.Press

Gently smooth any uneven areas around the nose, back of head and seams by placing a cotton/linen cloth over the area and gently pressing. Build up the heat gradually so that you don't overdo this.

Use round headed pins to place ***Candy****'s features*

Opening at base of head is used to embroider the face

4. Embroider

To help you position the features pin the ears in place at this point (*approximately 4cm apart/ 1.6"*). Mark out the features with round headed pins *(Count your pins to make sure they are all removed afterwards)*

The centre of each eye lies on the decrease row and there will be 4 stitches between each eye when complete *(see photograph above*)

Begin to embroider as follows:

Thread a long darning needle with black yarn .Tie a knot 4" from the end of the yarn. Insert the needle into the opening at the base of the head and bring out through the centre of the area where you have placed your eye pins. Remove these pins now and return the needle back through the stuffing and neck opening ***pulling*** back the yarn ***significantly*** so that this produces an ***eye socket*** and also adds ***contour to the face*** (*You will also see that the nose rises up as next photographs)*

Thread another long darning needle and repeat this process for the other eye so that you are now working with 2 needles and threads. Once the eye sockets are evenly placed knot your yarn ends to secure and now you can continue and apply the **French Knots**. I make a series of these in each eye working from one eye to the other and slowly building up. Don't worry if they aren't perfect as they are embedded in the socket and merely creating a dense mass. You will know you are finished when you feel that someone is looking back at you!

When you are happy that the eyes are equally sized, tie the ends of the yarns together again securely at the base of head and cut off any excess.

(Tip: As the eyes are larger than those of the rabbits, a successful alternative is to use the small teddy/doll eyes which are readily available these days if you don't want to apply ***French Knots****. Make sure they are still embedded in the eye socket for greatest effect although these are not suitable for very young children. Alternatively make a large knot in the middle of a long thread of yarn then pass both ends through the eye socket and out through the head opening, finally tying together securely. The knot will 'sit' in the eye cavity.*

Next, using embroidery thread/yarn (*I use embroidery thread here*) and knotting leaving a 4" tail as before, embroider a large 'V' for the nose. I mark out the triangular outline of the pins with the thread, then using satin stitch I work horizontal lines taking in the outline I have made. Continuing to remove your pins as you work, make a small vertical line down from the nose followed by a gentle curve each side to form the mouth (*as photograph below*)

Finally, tie tail ends together securely at the base of the head when complete. Cover the open area with a small amount of stuffing and close the seam.

Check that the ears are positioned correctly, creating a gentle'C' shaped curve inwards. Secure ears in place and attach head to body gathering neck opening slightly. (The head will 'nod' from side to side)

Draw back yarn and tie to secure eye socket

Hello Candy!

Arms *3.25mm Needles (Make 2)*
*Cast on 9 sts in **A** beg at shoulder*
P 1 row
Next row: K1, (M1, K1) to end - 17sts
P 1 row
Next row: K4, (M1, K2) twice, M1, K1, M1, (K2, M1) twice, K4 – 23 sts
St-st 37 rows beg with a P row
Next row: K1, (K2tog) to end - 12 sts
Break off yarn, thread through remaining stitches and secure leaving a long yarn end

To Make Up

Gather up cast on edge at top of arm, close seam using long strand and leave a small opening for stuffing. Stuff firmly, close seam and press lightly under a cloth if needed. Pass a long strand of yarn from one arm through the body to the other side and pull slightly. This will produce a shoulder socket. Using the same yarn, attach the second arm and pass yarn through the body in the opposite direction. Repeat this process again until both arms are securely in place. *Fasten off.*

Brighton Rock Stripy Jumper *2.75mm Needles*
*Cast on 43 sts in **D** (yarn end will be used to sew up side seam)*
Work 3 rows in G-st
Next: St-st 2 rows in ***E*** beg with a K row
Next: St-st 4 rows in ***D*** beg with a K row
*(Tip: When working your 4 rows in **D** twist yarns at beg of every 3rd row to carry yarn E up side)*
Repeat these 6 rows a further 5 times ending on a P row (you will now have 36 rows of stripe pattern)
(**At the same time mark each end of 17th row for sleeve placement*)
Next: Shape Shoulders as follows:
*Continuing in **D** cast off 10sts at beginning of next 2 rows* - 23sts.

Next: Work 2 rows in K1, P1 rib increasing 1 stitch at ***each end of every row*** - 27sts.
Next: Work a further 9 rows in rib
Cast off **LOOSELY** in rib (*Use a larger needle if you find this difficult*)
Back
*Cast on 43 sts in **D** and work as for jumper front.*
To Make Up
Press pieces lightly under a cloth on ***WS*** and join front to back down neck seams (*remember the neck will be rolled over*) and across shoulder seams. Fasten off and press seams lightly.

Sleeves *2.75mm Needles (Make 2)*
*With right side facing and using **D** evenly pick up 36 sts across back and front between markers.*
Next: St-st 17 rows in ***D*** beg with a P row
Next: St-st 2 rows in ***E*** beg with a K row
G-st 4 rows in ***D***
Cast off leaving yarn end to close seam
To Make Up
Press lightly under a cloth on ***WS,*** sew up sleeve and side seams and fasten off. Fold over neck opening.

Baby Bear Dungarees *2.75mm Needles*

R Leg

Cast on 37 sts in **F beg at inside hem*

St st 5 rows beg with a K row

Picot hem edge

K1, (yrn, K2tog) to end - 37sts (***WS***)

St-st 5 rows beg with a K row

Next row

K through **back** of loops (***WS)***

Increase row

K1, (inc into every st) to end – 73sts

St-st 9 rows beg with a P row

Decrease to shape crotch

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 rows - 61sts*

Break yarn and leave these sts on a spare needle/stitch holder

L Leg

Work as for ***R*** leg from * to * leaving working yarn in place on last row

Next row

With ***RS*** of both legs facing, **K** across sts of ***L*** leg to last st. Next **K** this st together with first st of ***R*** leg then **K** to end of ***R*** leg - 121sts (*You now have all your sts on one needle*)

St –st 21 rows beg with a P row.

Decrease row to shape waist

K1, (K2tog) to end – 61sts

G-st 3 rows for waistband

Cast off (*make sure this is not tight*)

To Make Up

Close decrease edges at centre front to form crotch (*these were the 6 rows of decreasing)* Turn up hems to form ***picot edge*** and slipstitch in place on ***WS***. Close centre back seam including decrease edges. Now close leg seams joining front to back. Press lightly under a cloth on ***WS*** avoiding waistband.

Lazy Daisy Bib *2.75mm Needles*

*Cast on 18 sts in **F** beg at bottom edge*

Next (also in chart form below**)**

Row 1: K 1 row

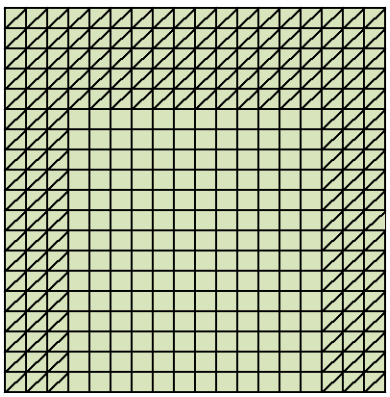
Row 2: K3, P12, K3

***Repeat these 2 rows a further 6* times** (*a further 12 rows altogether*)

G-st 5 rows

Cast off and secure yarn end neatly on reverse side

Bib



***Cast on 18 sts beg with a K row in** F*
Squares with strike through represent G-st
Plain squares are St-st

Lazy Daisy Stitch and French Knot

Finished Baby Bear Dungarees

Embroidered Lazy Daisy Flower

Following previous photograph and below embroider a simple flower using ***Lazy Daisy Stitch*** (*Detached Chain Stitch*) and apply a ***French Knot*** to the centre using your left over yarns (*See details at end of pattern for further information on stitches if needed*)

To Make Up

Position bib piece at centre front with waistband just overlapping bib and slipstitch in place on reverse *(I use cotton thread to avoid any bulkiness*)

Straps *2.75mm Needles (Make 2)*

*Cast on 52 sts in **F***

G-st 4 rows

*Cast off leaving yarn end to attach straps to reverse of trousers (cast off side is **WS**) Secure cast on yarn end neatly on reverse side of strap and fasten off (this will be the front end of strap)*

Bonbon Buttons

Make a **French Knot** for each button. I used DK yarn in ***B*** and a double thread to make a good sized knot. Secure yarn ends on reverse of each strap. (*See details below for further information on stitches if needed*)

To Make Up

Sew front straps to each corner of bib as photograph below (*I secured these with cotton thread to avoid bulkiness*) Cross straps over at back and attach to ***WS*** of waistband using yarn ends with a space of approx 2.5 cm (1") between inside edges of each strap (*Position dungarees on **Candy** before securing straps at the back*)

Decorate

Apply bows to Candy's shoes and attach a single bow to her ear.
Finally, choose a nice place for her to sit and view the world.

Embroidery Stitches

I have added some links with extra information on the following stitches at maryjanestearoom.blogspot.com

French Knots
Lazy Daisy stitch
Satin stitch

Other characters in the Mary Jane's TEAROOM series

***Oscar** Rabbit*
***Primrose** Rabbit*
***Bluebell** Rabbit*
***Daisy** Rabbit*
***Bo** Rabbit*
***Anika** Rabbit*

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